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Date: 3 Nov 89 15:15:22 GMT

From: hpfcso!hpldola!hp-lsd!col!bobw@hplabs.hp.com (Bob Witte)

Subject: airport security

>You might be interested that my boss, who takes domestic flights quite  
>frequently, ALWAYS makes outgoing calls on his RS portable cellular phone  
>WHILE AIRBORNE.. and continues to do so, since to my knowledge he has never  
>been hassled.

On a recent international flight in the Far East, the flight attendant  
came around asking for the antennas of portable cellular telephones.  
I assume that the intent was to prevent the use of the phones.

Bob Witte, KB0CY

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Date: 4 Nov 89 00:17:55 GMT

From: AppleLink.Apple.Com!X1845@apple.com (James Clearwater)

Subject: Earthquake in SF!!!

>>If anyone has news about the quake: damage, reports, news, etc. please  
post. How have >>>>  
>>companies been affected?  
>Apparently Apple's hardware development building was condemned as was  
Ashton Tate's  
>facility.

Apple's h'ware bldg \*condemned\*? nope, they just moved us out because some  
of the water pipes broke, and some over-head sprinklers went off. while  
it didn't seem to do a whole lot of damage to the machinery, it did a  
nasty job of getting the carpeting moldy, and given that it's a closed air  
environment (no fresh air running through)(yes, it really is "fun"), the  
powers that be opted (thankfully) to move us out of there.

don't know anything about Ashton Tate, though.....

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Date: 6 Nov 89 13:53:49 GMT

From: shlump.nac.dec.com!ryn.esg.dec.com!pstjtt.enet.dec.com!taber@decwrl.dec.com

Subject: Havana Moon's "Los Numeros" On-Line

In article <23733@cup.portal.com>, Havana\_-\_Moon@cup.portal.com writes...

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> Now open - for a sneak preview - on Portal\*

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> HAVANA MOON's "LOS NUMEROS" ON-LINE

I always thought the usenet had a policy against advertising.... or is that one of those "guideline not a rule" sort of things?

>>>==>PStJTT

Patrick St. Joseph Teahan Taber

Mail address: ahhhhh, you don't want to send me mail....

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Date: 6 Nov 89 21:15:38 GMT

From: winter@apple.com (Patricia Winter)

Subject: How to use the incoming QSL bureau?

In article <338@hfsi.UUCP> bower@hfsi.UUCP (Michael Bower Comm. ) writes:

>>[unattributed excerpt from my previous posting]:

>>So no excuses, everybody--get those envelopes mailed off to your bureau

>>right away! Otherwise you'll never get that ZA card that's waiting for you.:-)

>NO, NO, NO!!!!!!

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>If you are expecting cards, fine. If you are sending an envelope

>"just in case", DON'T DO IT! I, as a sorter, do NOT want envelopes

>from every N4TOM, D1CK, and H4RRy. That leads to storage problems

>and makes sorting much slower. Only if you are expecting cards, please!

I'm not quite sure what Michael thought I meant, but my posting was in response to someone who has been working DX and therefore very likely has cards waiting for him. My comment was clearly directed to him and others like him.

So if you're in that category, go for it. If you're not, then you weren't reading this discussion anyway, right? :-)

Patty

p.s. Just in case any of you (hi, Derek) are waiting for F00FB cards from Ross' last trip to Tahiti, they'll be out eventually. At 5:03 p.m. on Tuesday, October 17, they were neatly sorted by date in a couple of shoeboxes. At 5:05 p.m. that same day, they were lying in a jumbled mess on the floor of Ross' radio room. :-( Ross and his family have had more important things than QSLing to deal with the past few weeks (they're all okay, though). Since my mom was a librarian and sorting runs in my blood :-), I'm going to bring all the received cards to my house and resort them. (I'm told there are probably some 3D2XX requests mixed in, too.) So hang loose, everyone. We're all working on getting things back together out here.  
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Date: 6 Nov 89 17:56:38 GMT  
From: enterprise!kirk@sun.com ('Captain' Kirk DeHaan)  
Subject: LA County quake lessons

According to the San Jose Mercury News, L.A. county officials have stated their communications system needs upgrading. They plan on replacing their exsisting disaster communications system, a network of amateur radio volunteers, with a computer system capable of transmitting messages via radio.

I just wonder with budgets so tight these days if they are going to be able to provide enough "packet" systems to all of the needed agencies as well as train all the people that are needed to operate them. Also, won't these people also require a knowledge of the equipment in case repairs are needed?

>From first hand experience I thought, at least in the Bay area, the hams provided a great service. The proof are the letters that were recieved from county officials and the Red Cross. Not to me personally but to the hams as a whole.

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* 'Captain' Kirk DeHaan      |    "There's a lot to be said  *
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* Sun Microsystems Inc.      |      For a blow to the head" *
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* net - kirk@sun.com         |      Blue Oyster Cult      *
* packet - n6sxi.ampr.org   |      *
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Date: 6 Nov 89 13:57:17 GMT  
From: shlump.nac.dec.com!ryn.esg.dec.com!pstjtt.enet.dec.com!taber@decwrl.dec.com  
Subject: QSLs and SASEs

In article <20428@ut-emx.UUCP>, oo7@ut-emx.UUCP (Your Tax Dollars At Work) writes...

>However, what bugs me is \*not\* having to send SASEs, but the people who do  
>not reply when you do send them an SASE.

Not too long ago there was an article in one of the magazines written by a guy who was becoming an expert on squeezing cards out of people. He recommended that in extreme cases you include not only a SASE, but one of those blank, generic QSL cards found in ham stores. This gives the person all the info (your card) a card and a reply envelope. I don't think he sent a pen, but he's probabably doing it by now.

>>>==>PStJTT (N1GGR @KB4N.NH)  
Patrick St. Joseph Teahan Taber

Mail address: ahhhhh, you don't want to send me mail....

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Date: 1 Nov 89 21:20:02 GMT  
From: hpda!hpcupt1!holly@ucbvax.Berkeley.EDU (Jim Hollenback)  
Subject: Trend towards requiring SASEs for domestic QSLs?

I have had some hams sent my SASE envelope back, in their envelope saying that I dont need to do that. Some others have used my envelope, but put a stamp inside with the comment that I should not have to send a SASE. Many just use the SASE and send the card. This is fine, I wanted the card that is why I sent mine and my SASE. I can understand a ham not sending a card for every contact, I dont either. But if I want the card, or heavens forbid someone wants a CA, it is curteous to return the card. But the thing that really makes me mad is the ham that takes my SASE, card and all and throws it all away. Hey, I would be happy to get the confirmation in the form of a short letter, the back of a post card, or even a 3X5

index card. I suppose you could use a condom wrapper, but I might not put that on the wall... hi hi. I had one ham (W6IMM I think) that I worked in a contest and wanted his card on 80M rtty. He said he did not send a card for 20 years, but got a airline postcard (he is a pilot) and put the info on the back. A differnt card, I like that. He QSL'd. One other thing that is curious, I have had a nice QSO with various hams and I causually mention I could use a card from their state and ask if they are good in the callbook. Suddenly the band is solid QRM and after several repeats they still can't copy the last transmission. Funny, that there is no QRM at my end, must be a local at their end I cant hear. I have noticed that return rate is about 60% for no SASE and around 90% for a SASE. I think alot of the hams dont QSL because why bother, they have the wallpaper, doesnt everybody? Personally I think it is a sad state of affairs when a ham can spend thousands of dollars on equipment, towers, antennas and the like and cant spend a \$100 a year on cards an postage. Well that is my 2 cents worth

Jim, WA6SDM  
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Date: 6 Nov 89 14:16:37 GMT  
From: eru!luth!sunic!tut!router!fintuvm.bitnet!t6t-virt@BLOOM-BEACON.MIT.EDU  
Subject: Unknown satellite on 432.875

Hi All|

Just got a query from a friend who runs satelllites ...  
He wondered, what is the satellite on the ham band 432.875 ?  
He said it is not a amateur satelllite and he had some note  
which told that the satelllite might be "polar bear"  
reearch satelllite launched by US.  
he just wondered what is the reason for it sending in a ham band ...  
Any information appreciated|

Best regards and 73's from Antti-Pekka OH1YF

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